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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: DRAFT RESOLUTION OF GENERALIZED
PREFERENCES

REFS: A) GENEVA 1652 B) GENEVA 1657

1. US DEL SHOULD STATE THAT IT IS NOT IN POSITION TO
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CONCLUSIONS WHICH EMBODIES SUBSTANCE OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PREFERENCES IN VIEW OF FACT THAT US CONGRESS HAS GENERALIZED PREFERENCE LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION AT PRESENT TIME. ALONG LINES STATED BY US REP AT TDB XII IN OCTOBER, COUNTRIES PUTTING FORWARD RESOLUTION MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER ITS TONE AND SUBSTANCE WOULD DO MORE HARMTHANGOOD TO CHANCES FOR ENACTMENT OF GSP.

2. US DEL MAY ALSO OFFER COMMENTS CONTAINED REF B, ON WITH WHICH COMMENTS DEPARTMENT CONCURS, ON PROBLEMS RAISED BY SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. IN ADDITION, US DEL SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AS APPROPRIATE: GENERALIZED PREFERENCES ARE VOLUNTARY, NON- RECIPROCAL AND NOT BOUND. PREFERENCE- GIVING COUNTRIES ARE THEREFORE NOT COMMITTED GUARANTEE ANY GIVEN LEVEL OF NEW MARKET ACCESS.

4. RESOLUTION LACKS BALANCE IN CONCENTRATING ON POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF GSP- RELATED BENEFITS WHILE FAILING TO DISCUSS WIDER POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM MTN ITSELF. STUDY OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF MTN NEEDS TO CONSIDER MORE THAN EFFECT ON SPECIFIC ADVANTAGES GAINED UNDER GSP. DIRECT AND INDIRECT EFFECTS OF LOWERING TRADE BARRIERS ON MFN BASIS, INCLUDING MORE EFFICIENT RESOURCE ALLOCATION, HIGHER REAL INCOMES, INCREASED DEMAND AND EXPANDED MARKETS, MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT IN STIMULATING EXPAN& ION OF LDCS EXPORTS THAN GSP ITSELF.

5. US DEL SHOULD PRIVATELY ASSURE NIGERIANS THAT OUR OPPOSITION TO REVERSE PREFERENCES REMAINS FIRM. ROGERS

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